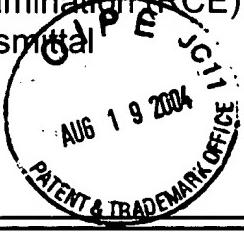


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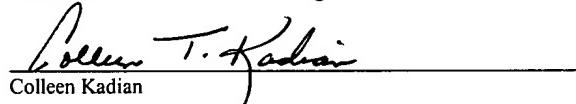
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Please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks in response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2003 and to the Advisory Action mailed May 28, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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